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SUBJECT:EXCELSIOR TREATMENT OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

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1. IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMMENT COMPREHENSIVELY ON SUCH
VARIED ARRAY OF INACCURACIES, HALF-TRUTHS AND DISTORTIONS
AS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, BUT FOLLOWING MAY HELP PUT
EXCELSIOR REPORTAGE INTO PERSPECTIVE.

2. THERE WAS IN FACT INCIDENT IN EARLY APRIL INVOLVING
CAPTURE OF MEXICAN LEGAL RESIDENT BY FOUR KLANSMEN, WHO
TURNED HIM IN TO BORDER PATROL WITH ALLEGATION THAT HE
WAS UNDOCUMENTED. IN CONTRAST WITH EXCELSIOR VERSION,
BORDER PATROLMEN RELEASED ALIEN (WHO ESTABLISHED LEGAL
RESIDENT STATUS), OFFERED HIM OPTION OF BRINGING CHARGES
AGAINST KLANSMEN (HE DECLINED), AND HELD KLANSMEN FOR
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SAN DIEGO POLICE. MEANS ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT OF
BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST THEM. INS STATES THAT OFFICER
IN CHARGE OF INS OFFICE MEXICO CITY HAS COMPLETE REPORT
ON THIS INCIDENT FOR YOUR USE. SUCH INCIDENTS ARE
EXTREMELY RARE, RATHER THAN "FREQUENT" AS EXCELSIOR
EDITORIAL ALLEGES. AS IN THIS CASE, INS AND OTHER

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES SEEK BASIS FOR LEGAL ACTION

AGAINST PERPETRATORS. GROSSLY INACCURATE TO SAY THAT INS TOLERATES OR AIDS SUCH VIOLATIONS.

3. FIVE MILITANTS OF NATIONAL WORKERS PROJECT, SUSPECTED OF ILLEGAL ENTRY, WERE IN FACT PICKED UP BY INS IN ROUTINE CHECK POINT OPERATION. THEY WERE NOT SINGLED OUT FOR APPREHENSION BECAUSE OF STATUS IN NATIONAL WORKERS PROJECT, WHICH WAS MERE COINCIDENCE. LEADERS OF NATIONAL WORKERS PROJECT HAD SOUGHT IMMUNITY FROM INS ACTION FOR ILLEGALS TO ENGAGE IN WASHINGTON PROTEST, BUT NO SUCH IMMUNITY WAS GRANTED. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY BASIS FOR REPORTS OF INTERVENTION BY ANNIE GUTIERREZ WITH INS OVER ALLEGED "INTENSIFICATION OF TERRORISTS PRACTICES" OR DISAGREEMENT OVER TACTICS.

4. REPORTS ON "HOUSE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON DEMOGRAPHY" ARE APPARENTLY REFERENCES TO HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POPULATION. SELECT COMMITTEE HELD HEARINGS ON IMMIGRATION, IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL POPULATION OUTLOOK, APRIL 4-7. WITNESSES INCLUDED CASTILLO AND OTHERS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL (WITH EXCEPTION OF ESTRADA, WHO DID NOT COME) AND DAVID NORTH, CHARLES KEELY, ROY B. LAPORTE, DORIS MEISSNER, CONGRESSMAN B. F. SISK, JOHN TANTON, JACOB SIEGEL, GUILLERMINA JASSO, ROBERT WARREN, ROBERT HUYCK, DR. MILTON MORRIS, ALFRED BLOOMSTEIN, EVELYN MASON AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MELANIE WIRKEN. COMMITTEE NOT LIKELY TO HOLD FURTHER HEARINGS ON IMMIGRATION THIS YEAR, THOUGH HEARINGS WILL PROCEED ON OTHER ASPECTS OF POPULATION QUESTION. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR EXCELSIOR CLAIM THAT CHAIRMAN SCHEUER "REPRIMANDED" CASTILLO DURING HEARINGS. EXCELSIOR'S REFERENCE TO MEXICAN SITUATION AS "TIME BOMB" APPARENTLY BASED ON ONE OR TWO COMMENTS BY PRIVATE OR CONGRESSIONAL WITNESSES.

5. WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO DEFINITELY CONFIRM CHAVEZ AND UFW POSITION ON ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM. EXCELSIOR VERSION, HOWEVER, CONFORMS ESSENTIALLY TO REPORTS IN HISPANIC PRESS. CHRISTOPHER

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